

Petroleum Centre Daily Record.

Pol. Centre, Friday, March 19.

Time of Closing Mails.

P. O., PETROLEUM CENTRE, Pa., JULY 27th, 1868.

Mail further notice the mails will arrive at and depart from this office as follows:

ARRIVE: South and East, via Irvinston, 10.15 A. M. South and West, " Meadville, 5.15 P. M. North and East, " Corry, 2.35 " DEPART: South and West, 8.45 A. M. South, East and West, 2.30 P. M. North, East and West, 10.00 A. M. H. E. BLACKMON, P. M.

Divine Services.

PREBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Preaching at 11 o'clock A. M., and 7 1/2 o'clock P. M.

Rev. J. T. OXTONT, Pastor.

M. E. CHURCH.

Services every Sabbath at 11 A. M. and 7 1/2 P. M. Sabbath School at twelve o'clock M. Seats Free. A cordial invitation extended to all.

Rev. C. M. HEARD, Pastor.

ST. PETER AND PAUL'S (CATHOLIC) CHURCH.

Mass at 10 1/2 a. m. Vespers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 4 p. m. Catechism at 2 p. m. JAMES DUNN, Pastor.

FRIGHTFUL TORPEDO EXPLOSION.

The Titusville Herald of this morning, says:

The most terribly fatal accident we have been called upon to record, took place on Church Run yesterday afternoon, resulting in the instant death of A. D. Griffin, W. H. Todd and Wm. Bills, and the fatal injury of Col. P. Davidson. The accident occurred at about four and a half o'clock, at the office of Col. Davidson on the territory leased by him on Church Run, about one mile from the city. So far as the facts can be ascertained, the parties were engaged in preparing a torpedo, for one of the wells. As Col. Davidson subsequently explained, they were all inside the house, and while Griffin, Todd and Bills were standing about the torpedo, jarring down the charge, he (Col. D.) was about walking toward the door. It is thought that the charge contained about seven pounds of fulminating powder, (his own invention,) while about twenty additional pounds were lying near the explosion resulted from percussion, and the shock was perceptibly felt all over the city. The building was of course blown into fragments, and its inmates, with the exception of Col. D., were instantly killed. Their clothing was almost entirely stripped from their bodies, which were shockingly lacerated in every part. A crowd of men was speedily gathered from the vicinity. Col. Davidson was found to be conscious, but utterly helpless and experiencing the intensest pain. His right thigh was severed to the bone, as though laid open by an axe, and his chest, back, arms and head were covered with ghastly burns, his face burned to a crisp, and the sight of one eye destroyed. His first inquiries were concerning the fate of his companions, whom he feared were more severely hurt, and desired that they should be attended to. A litter was constructed upon which as speedily as possible he was borne to the Bush House and placed under medical attention. The remains of Griffin, Todd and Bills were conveyed to the city, and placed in charge of the acting coroner, Justice Strouse, and an inquest was in progress last evening.

This terrible visitation casts a melancholy gloom over the entire region, and finds no parallel in anything that has preceded it. P. S.—Col. Davidson expired at 11:05 last night.

Quite an interesting time was had at the meeting of the Pioneer Literary Society, at Pioneer, night before last. The meeting was called to order by roll call, after which the reports of committees were listened to. The committee appointed at a previous meeting on prize essays, reported that they had awarded the first prize to Mrs. W. E. Thorp, and the second to Mrs. Northrup. The reading of the essays followed, which proved very interesting. After recess a musical burlesque created considerable amusement. The exercises of the evening were interspersed with some very fine vocal and instrumental music. The meeting adjourned at about 10 o'clock, each member no doubt feeling benefited by attending.

We are requested by Mr. Darrow to state that to-morrow afternoon ladies will be admitted free to his Velocipede School at the Opera House. A rare chance is offered to the ladies to learn to ride the Velocipede.

Two more victims of the fever ship James Foster, Jr., died at the Seaman's Retreat, New York, on Tuesday.

LIFE IN THE FAR WEST.

A correspondent of the Omaha Republican writing from Helena, Montana, referring to the gambling halls of that place, says:

It is no disgrace, so considered here, to visit these dens, for there it is you find your most intimate friends—judges, lawyers, doctors—everybody in fact. But now try and imagine yourself at my elbow, and this accomplished, we will "swing around the circle" just far enough to get a glimpse of the kind of life one is able to find in these hell-holes of chandeliered crime. Here is a long, low, rough-appearing frame structure, with port-holed windows along the sides, double doors in front, just outside of which a band of screeching horns are poisoning the air with unhealthy sounds.

We enter the hall, brilliant with rows of burning candles—for remember it is night—and jammed with drunken miners, the respectable of the community, others who are cut-throats, some who are professionally nothing more nor less than handy tools for any and all villainous purposes. Every man, we were careful to observe, had a fine looking pistol buckled to his side—never used, we understand, only when it becomes actually necessary to shoot a friend.

There are twenty-three tables in the room or hall, which is, perhaps, 200 feet in length; some of these tables are large, while others are small. This, however, is all the same, for the superintendents of each are alike contemptible to the eye of a decent man.

There is a game of "Faru" around which is assembled the friends of both winner and loser. Five thousand dollars in gold-dust is lying in a sack upon the table. The unfortunate loser is fired with "gambling rage," and is just now cursing a song by note; the lucky "dealer," and his infamous "cappers," are alive with the exultant spirits.

Here, again, is a "keno" stand, seemingly well patronized; there a "three-card monte" trap, at which a Roman-nosed Jew is operating the tricks; here one thing, there another, all and each a baited net to string the unwary foot. It is safe to say that one thousand men have returned poorer for the visit, others have been fed on a baited hook, that they may be the more easily caught hereafter. Probably \$20,000 have changed hands in this one place to-night, and there are dozens of such sinks in town.

The Wickedest Men in Petroleum Centre use Sunday Comfort, which can be had only at Gaffney's.

Col. Stockton's statement contradicts the official reports received from Havana in the most positive manner. No one particular of the various accounts published by the Government is confirmed. The Colonel gives the most encouraging accounts of the prospects and future of the rebels. The trite saying, "One side of a tale is always good until the other side is heard," may be applied to the official accounts of Gen. Lesca's advance to Puerto Principe. Three several times did the doughty General attempt the passage, and on each occasion he was frustrated by the rebels. This single fact will warrant us in discrediting every report published by the authorities hereafter.

S. C. ROWLAND, alias Jersey Sharp, who was committed by Justice Holeman yesterday, for larceny while being conveyed to jail by H. H. Curtis, Deputy Sheriff, under the above commitment and also a commitment issued some time ago, for keeping and maintaining a disorderly house, made his escape by jumping out of the car window, about a mile below Titusville. Sheriff Curtis offers \$25.00 reward for his arrest. This is the second time, we believe, that this individual has succeeded in escaping from justice.—Pleasantville Evening News.

No more highway robberies committed in Petroleum Centre since people have gone to Gaffney's for their liquors. He keeps the genuine article.

The other evening a couple of young men were exhibiting a patent churn in Canton, Illinois, when a humorous old lady averred that the machine was a humbug. To disprove the assertion, they offered to make butter within ten minutes. The old lady filled the churn, the patent right heroes set to work, and spent two hours in perspiring and relieving each other, no purpose, before the jocular matron informed them that they were churning buttermilk.

A fog whistle, recently erected on Cape Foucher, Yarmouth Harbor, Nova Scotia, is said to be the most powerful signal in North America, and can be heard fifteen miles in calm weather; in stormy weather, five to eight miles; with the wind twenty-five miles; against the wind, five to eight miles. It has been heard inland with the wind twenty-five to thirty miles. The light house at Cape Foucher contains a receiving light 135 feet above the sea level.

Don't ruin yourself soul and body by drinking poor whisky from Titusville, but send to Gaffney's, and get a bottle of Sunday Comfort.

A sword fish, on the coast, recently ran his weapon, several feet long, through the "skull hole," at the stern of a fishing boat. One of the fishers seized the sword, and getting ashore of it, held it firmly. Meantime, the fish, by the action of his tail used as a propeller, urged the boat forward at a good rate of speed until she reached the vessel to which she belonged, her head fortunately being in that direction when she made the attack.

THE NEWS.

Wisconsin is building a wooden railroad. The Canadian Parliament meets on the 3d of April.

Portugal has abolished slavery in her colonies.

Boston has founded two new public libraries for the German working classes.

The latest from Paris is that Edmond About weighs 276 pounds.

Ex-Gov. Bullock, of Mass., has started on a tour to Europe.

Seven hundred trains daily now run over the London underground railway.

A new English poetess, Menella Bate Smedley, is highly praised by the critics.

Jeff. Davis denies that he has heart disease, and says he was never better.

The defalcation of the City Treasurer of Lowell Massachusetts, amounts to over \$62,000.

The present Secretary of War, General Rawlins, began his career as a charcoal burner.

The Vicksburg Herald has a "Grecian Bend Bureau" for paragraphs relative to the fair sex.

One William Williams, of Chicago, who is announced as a bankrupt, is therefore called a deficiency bill.

Though the sewing machine is not a resper at all, yet it is a fact that as you sew you shall reap.

The best barbers in the world, according to European tourists here, are to be found in the U. S.

The heirs of Sir Benjamin Guinness had to pay \$83,500 legacy duty before they could handle his wealth.

Victor Emanuel is getting famous for subscribing large sums for charitable objects, and not paying.

A man in Connecticut recently got a neighbor to help him to dig a grave "for a joke," and then killed himself.

Senator Doolittle denies the report that he is about to practice law in New York. He returns to Wisconsin.

In Japan, it is said, the persecution of Christians by the Government continues with unabated ferocity.

John Brougham is to go to California in June for a three months' engagement, for which he receives \$20,000 in gold.

Franklin county, Virginia, not to be outdone by other parts of the country, announces the death of an old lady at the age of 125.

The English dramatic authors now contemplate having their plays performed first in the U. S., in order to procure a copyright.

At Pompeii there have just been discovered two marble busts—one of Pompey and the other of Brutus. They are both of fine execution.

In New York last week, a man was beaten and robbed by gamblers, because he had won \$1,100 at a faro bank, and refused to give it up.

Tarring the front door of a rival establishment in the favorite manner of revenge among a certain class of people in Cincinnati.

Some one of a statistical turn of mind has estimated that the corn made into whisky in a single revenue district in Kentucky would fatten 200,000 hogs.

John Thomas was murdered at Big Bethel, Virginia, on Saturday, by three negroes, whom he surprised while robbing his premises.

Several important nominations have been agreed upon in Cabinet meetings, but it is now positively asserted that the President will make no further important nominations until the tenure-of-office matter is disposed of by the Senate.

St. Patrick's Day was generally celebrated by Irish citizens in all the larger cities.

In a quarrel in an auction store in Chicago on Wednesday, one of the salesmen drew a revolver and fired at a man named Carmody. The ball missed its aim, and passed through the lungs of Hans Robertson, a young Norwegian, inflicting a mortal wound. Jacobs, the man who did the shooting, made his escape.

Gen. Wm. Barstow, formerly on the staff of Gen. Dix, died in New York Tuesday night.

The afternoon express train from Boston for New York, via Springfield, had a narrow escape from a serious accident in consequence of a broken rail, while running at full speed, one mile east of Palmer. The engine passed in safety, but two baggage and four passenger cars were thrown off and dragged some 20 rods. One of the baggage cars was turned bottom side up. Fortunately of the 250 persons in the train no one was seriously injured. The rail was broken by a large rock which fell on it from a ledge above, then bounded to the other side of the road.

Local Notices.

Velocipede School.

Mr. R. J. DARROW, has opened a school for instructions in learning to ride on the velocipede, at the Opera House. He will be assisted by Prof. Porter, who will give lessons. Admission, 20 cts. Use of velocipede per hour, 60 cts. Hall open from 8 a. m. to 10 p. m. The public are invited.

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Just received a large stock of Spring patterns, at H. C. JARVIS' FURNITURE STORE.

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Jan 21 - 2m.

PAINT, WALL, WHITE WASH & SHOE BRUSHES, a large stock just received at A. D. MILLER & CO.'S.

CANARY BIRDS, male and female, new stock just received, at A. D. MILLER & CO.'S.

Lost!

On Thursday, Feb. 25th, 1868, a smooth built rat and ten pup, with red collar. Whoever shall return the same to the subscriber will be liberally rewarded. feb 25-tf N. H. PAYNE

Carpets, of every quality and description, at REYNOLDS, BRODHEAD & CO'S, No. 11 Centre Street, opposite the P. O., Oil City, Pa.

SWEDISH LECCHES, wholesale and retail, at A. D. MILLER & CO'S DRUG STORE.

Music Lessons.

MRS. M. H. CARMAN, having returned to town after a brief absence is now prepared to give lessons on the Piano to those wishing the same. For terms and further particulars enquire at the Oil Exchange Hotel. Petroleum Centre, Feb. 19, 1868.—1m.

BURTON'S TOBACCO ANTIDOTE; DON'T CHEW, an antidote for Tobacco, and DR. JOHNSON'S AROMATIC ANTI-TOBACCO COMPOUND, for sale at A. D. MILLER & CO'S.

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A. D. MILLER & CO., Druggists, are agents for the celebrated "H. H. Cigars," manufactured by the American Whip Co. Try them.

The best place in town to get a pair of Boots made of the best Stock, that will wear well, and warranted to fit, is at J. A. Plante's Fashionable Boot Shop, Washington Street, Petroleum Centre, Pa. Give him a trial. sept 10-tf.

"ALZEMA."—It is not often that we have the time to spare, or the inclination, to notice any of the thousand and one preparations sold throughout the country, such as it is claimed, being a sovereign cure for one or more of the ills that flesh is heir to. Indeed, we have frequently wondered that people ever died at all, or grew old even, when, by a small outlay they could furnish themselves with something which would keep disease at bay, and defy the assaults of time! Concerning the efficacy of one of these remedial preparations—and one which has become celebrated of late—we can speak from personal experience, and conscientiously say it is good. We refer to "Alzema," an article for restoring and preserving the hair, manufactured by Messrs Sewell & Bentley, Chemists and Druggists, No. 180 Main Street, Buffalo.—Buffalo Commerce Advertiser. Also sold for Retail at A. D. MILLER & CO'S, Wholesale and Retail Druggists, Agents for Petroleum Centre, Pa. feb 17.

Hardware—A large assortment of which is being closed out at reduced rates at REYNOLDS, BRODHEAD & CO'S, No. 11 Centre St., opposite the Post Office, Oil City, Pa.

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New Flour, Feed and Grocery Store!

J. S. PRATHER, At the OLD BANK BUILDING, ON MAIN ST., opposite the McClintock House, has on hand a large and first class stock of Flour, Feed and Groceries, which he is selling at a low figure. Don't forget the place—where A. D. Cotton & Company broke up. Jan 2-tf

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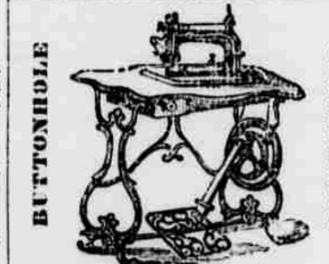
Centre-St., OIL CITY, Pa.

Oil City, Sept. 14, 1868.—tf.

FOR SALE.

THE AMERICAN HOTEL at Petroleum Centre. This well known house, containing 50 rooms with furniture is now offered for sale at a low price. If not sold by the 1st of April, it will be for rent. Inquire on the premises, of J. B. BARNES. Petroleum Centre, March 16.

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Petroleum Centre, Pa.

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